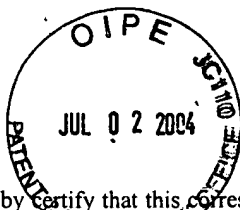


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Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to Office Action dated April 29, 2004 for a period of 1 month(s).

Applicant:

claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

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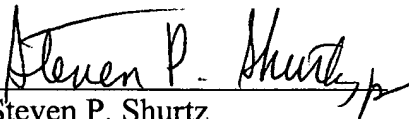
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- Attached is a check for \$_____ for the Petition fee.
- Attached is a credit card authorization form for \$55 for the Petition fee.
- Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.
- Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: June 29, 2004


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